The Selfish
Giant

Once upon a time there was a large castle that was near a village full of children. A giant lived there but he was away visiting his friend a goblin.

Soon, the children from the village went into the castle's garden and began to play and eat the giant's fruit.

The giant returned and the village people were very fearful. Would the giant hurt the children? He was a very selfish giant and did not like to share with anyone.

He saw the children and bellowed angrily "Get out of my garden you awful children"!
The children were terrified.

They fled the garden.

After a few days and feeling very brave, the children returned to the giant's garden.

The giant bellowed angrily "Get out of my garden you awful children"!.

Once again, they fled the garden, terrified as before.

The giant put barbed wire around his garden. He did not want the children to bother him again.

That night he heard a mouse in his bedroom. Not knowing what it was, he became very afraid.

The next morning he went to the garden and was distraught. His garden was destroyed. No flowers, no leaves on the trees, no fruit.

He sat in the castle very sad and lonely. He looked out the window at the bare, dreary garden.

For many years he lived in the castle, lonely, staring out the window daily. Nothing grew in the garden. He was indeed very sad.

Then one day he awoke and found the flowers and trees had bloomed again. He was very happy. What had happened?

To his surprise, a new group of children had come to play in his garden.

The giant was tired of being lonely and sad. Now, he welcomed the children's voices and enjoyed watching them play in his beautiful garden. He was not lonely, sad, or selfish anymore.